Ward 2 Planning Initiative: Shaping the Future for Somerville's Southern Edge

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Traffic & Parking – Pedestrian Safety

- Additional signage and/or blinking lights are needed to slow traffic
- Other traffic calming measures?
- "Drag racing" down Joy Street is dangerous and illegal
- Parking is problematic with businesses often parking on sidewalks and double parking in streets
 - Residents prefer angled parking on the street (versus parallel parking)





Enforcement

- Traffic & parking enforcement
- Business permit enforcement hours of operation, performing work on sidewalks, parking on streets, litter on streets, etc
- Sanitation concerns garbage pick-up
- Basic Maintenance
- Question about work to be done on Gore Street (by Shaw's)
 - Follow-up: final occupancy permit has <u>not</u> been issued they have to put in a cross-walk and a push-button pedestrian signal



Aesthetics

- Streets and sidewalks are littered with trash from the Transfer Station
- Maintenance of sidewalks and trees & plantings is lacking
- Public realm is virtually non-existent in some areas, there is no sidewalk





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Key Players in Enforcement

Department of Public Works (DPW)

- (617) 625-6600 ext. 5000
- Services provided: trash & recycling services, snow removal, street and sidewalk maintenance, lights and lines, buildings and grounds, environmental protection, engineering services

Traffic & Parking

- (617) 625-6600 ext. 7900
- Ensures controlled flow of traffic, enforces City's parking regulations & maintains traffic signals, signs and parking meters

Police Department

- - (617) 625-1600
- Provides law enforcement, emergency services, and community oriented non-criminal services

Fire Department

- (617) 623-1700
- Responsibilities include fire prevention & education, emergency medical response, rescue

Inspectional Services Department (ISD)

- 617-625-6600 ext. 5600
- Provides permitting, plan review, inspections and related services in compliance with the Mass State Building Code and Somerville Zoning Ordinances

Health

- (617) 625-6600 ext. 4300
- Provides public health services, maintaining health & wellness of citizens through related policymaking;
 school health programs, public health education campaigns, and public health regulation unit

Licensing Commission

Responsible for issuing various types of licenses, adopting and enforcing rules and regulations
pertaining to such licenses as well as local ordinances and laws

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Storefront Improvement Program

Streetscape Enhancements

Waste Transfer Station Relocation

Storefront Improvement Project

- 86 Joy Street façade improvements
- Auto-related uses could be better contained with improved storefronts







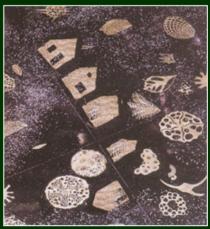
Streetscape Enhancements

- Role of public art
 - Sculpture, Murals, Sidewalks, etc
- **Gateway Feature**
- Placemaking
- Pedestrian Amenities





Tile Painted Sidewalk Berkeley, CA



Bronze elements in walkway Blue Springs, MO

Incorporating infrastructure Granville Island, Vancouver

Waste Transfer Station Relocation

- Relocation of large station
- Two-acre City-owned parcel will become available for redevelopment
- In negotiation hoping to move the station within five years





